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Roses Without Chemicals: 150 Disease-Free Varieties That Will Change The Way You Grow Roses



Synopsis

“I wish I had this when I planted my rose garden twenty-five years ago. I am now about to plant another garden, full of wonderful rose varieties and I intend to follow Peter’s advice wholeheartedly.” • Martha Stewart Have you tried to grow roses, only to give up once you realized how dependent on pesticides they are? In this lush guide rose expert Peter Kukielski highlights 150 rose varieties that excel in gardens without the use of chemicals. *Roses Without Chemicals* features information on planting, pruning, and pests; plant profiles that include a color photo and details on color, growth habit, and fragrance; and helpful lists of roses organized by color, growing habit, and region.

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Customer Reviews

I’ve waited years for a book like this! As a professional (and organically-inclined) garden designer in Maine, I gave up using all but a few trusted and easy roses (‘New Dawn’ and ‘Knockout’) long ago. This book is organized intuitively and the writing is entertaining while delivering all the needed

information. The photos are fabulous. I was quickly able to pinpoint 13 roses I want to try (must be fragrant!). I've heard Peter speak and he knows his roses backwards and forwards. The experience he brings to the topic is impeccable. Great book!!! The only "extra" I would ask for is clear USDA zone indication in the "Rose Directory" section - which is otherwise a delicious catalog of vital information.

The only thing I can say is that I hate that this book did not come out a lot earlier. Even the little I have read so far has helped me enormously to pick some roses based on where I live (Kaohsiung, Taiwan). For 20 years now I bought very beautiful and attractive, sometimes even very fragrant roses sold by local flower shops and growers. Only to see them wither and die during the wet, humid and hot summer raining season mostly destroyed by mold. I have now bought roses based on the advice given in this book. I looked at the places where people were growing roses and general conditions in which this happened. As I have had an interest in roses for a long time but being unable to grow them successfully I never the less kept an eye open for them. In this way I remembered seeing roses in certain places, the same plants for years. Some roses, even the ones described above, I have seen at my favourite teashop for more than 20 years. The micro climate at that spot seems ideal for them. At other place they find it hard to thrive. The park service replaces most of the same roses every year because most of them do well enough from November to April but once the rains come to perish. However others, called mini roses over here, do well in pots both in the full sun or in more shady places. Though they have no fragrance I know several bushes that have been growing for years and flower abundantly. They come in red, pink and pink panache and yellow. They are ideal for where I am and are thriving. Again very happy with this book. Will try to find some to the varieties in the book to try out.

Awesome book packed with great information on growing roses successfully without the use of chemicals. Lists 150 mostly modern roses, rating them on disease resistance, repeat flowering characteristics and fragrance, adding up all three attribute scores to the final score of 100 or less. Because the roses attributes are individually rated one can choose the most important characteristic be it disease resistance, flowering capabilities or fragrance. Mr. Kukielski also includes a comprehensive list of damaging insects and how to control them and a list of beneficial insects and how to recognize them as well as comprehensive care guides, including, but not limited to pruning, fertilizing and winter protecting. Accompanied by exquisite photos of each rose, the book is not only a valuable aid to choosing and successfully growing healthy roses but also a visual delight.

Very helpful book - clear with a ton of actionable information. I'm a novice but having just finished reading the book, I'm ready to hit the garden with confidence. I really liked the emphasis on rose varieties that don't require pesticides or chemical fertilizers - information you might not get from nurseries and garden centers. Great lists of specific varieties and where they will work best. Makes it all so easy!

I found this to be informative on rose I never thought I would consider. I've been growing organic for about 30 years so that info wasn't new to me. But Peter discusses how he grows them which is a little different. Good reading!

Glad the results of several years of non-chemical field tests are in one well-written and illustrated text. Will be a great guide for gardeners new to the world of roses to make educated selections of America's Flower, the rose. Information also includes ratings for fragrance and growth aspects.

This is a great book. I'm really happy that I got the chance to read it before I bought most of my roses for my new rose garden. It really features wonderful resistant roses and it was fun to read. The only thing is that the book touched base on insects, but didn't delve into details on how to control them effectively while staying chemical free. Diseases like black spot and rust are important, but insects are also a challenge and I hope the next edition gives more details in that regard.

This is one of the best rose books that I have and I have many. It shows modern as well as old roses. It has lists of roses that do well in various regions. The roses are sorted by alphabet, color, size and class. It shows basic info for care, diseases and pests. It even has metric conversions. It has become my new favorite that I pull out again and again.

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